


# Planning and Development Department Update

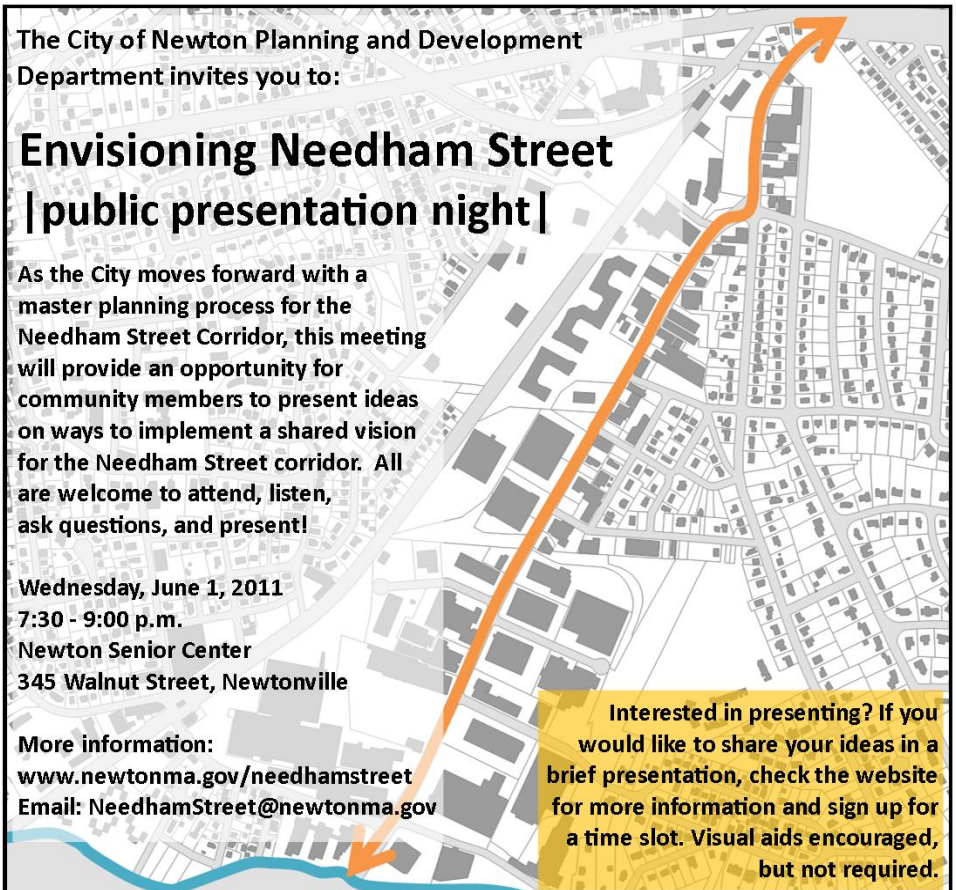
**DATE:** May 13, 2011  
**TO:** Mayor Setti D. Warren  
**FROM:** Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development  
**RE:** Friday Report   
**CC:** Board of Aldermen  
Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

<b>Sat/Sun</b> <b>5/14-15/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newton Community Farm – Annual Seedling Sale, 1:00-3:00 p.m., 303 Nahanton St.</li></ul>
<b>Monday</b> <b>5/16/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Human Service Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., City Hall Cafeteria</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>5/17/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transportation Advisory Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 202</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>5/18/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Urban Design Commission, 7:00 p.m., Planning and Development Conference Room (Basement Level)_</li><li>• Community Preservation Committee, 7:00 p.m., Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street, Newtonville</li></ul>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>5/19/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Homelessness Consortium, 3:00 p.m., Room 222</li><li>• Austin Street Joint Advisory Planning Group, 7:00 p.m., Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street, Newtonville</li><li>• Chestnut Hill Historic District, 7:30 p.m., Room 202</li></ul>

- **Newton Community Farm:** Kick off the growing season at Newton Community Farm's annual Seedling Sale, **May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00-3:00pm, with over 20,000 herb and vegetable seedlings that are ready to be transplanted into your garden. Hang around for growing tips, workshops, and delicious food! Bring your own boxes for carrying purchases. Cash or check only. Special pre-sale for *Friends of the Farm*: 12:00-1:00 p.m., Sat. & Sun. The Farm is located at 303 Nahanton Street. Additional information can be found at [www.newtoncommunityfarm.org](http://www.newtoncommunityfarm.org) or contact Alexandra Ananth at 617.796.1121, [aananth@newtonma.gov](mailto:aananth@newtonma.gov).
- **Human Service Advisory Committee:** The Committee will hold its next meeting on **Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Cafeteria. Agenda items include the review of grantee expenditures for the fiscal year; discussion regarding the allocation of unused program income to grantees; discussion regarding the allocation of new CDBG funds to grantees in FY12; and a discussion of plans to implement the new Emergency Solutions Grant. **Contact Lowell Haynes at 617.796.1132, [lhaynes@newtonma.gov](mailto:lhaynes@newtonma.gov).**
- **Transportation Advisory Committee:** The next Transportation Advisory Committee will be held on **Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** starting at 7:00 p.m., in Room 202. The agenda includes reports from the Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee, and Youth and Senior Subcommittee; a summary of Transportation and Mobility Element, proposed Mixed-Use Element, and Development Review process; and review of consensus items of Urban Fabric Subcommittee. **Contact David Koses at 617.796.1133, [dkoses@newtonma.gov](mailto:dkoses@newtonma.gov).**
- **Urban Design Commission:** The Commission will hold its next meeting **Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Conference Room (Basement Level). The agenda includes a preliminary site plan/design review for Sovereign Bank, 624 Washington Street. Sign review will include replacement of an existing sign face for Newton Dental at 345 Boylston Street, a new sign for KiKi Design at 214 Sumner Street, a new sign for Furniture Consignment at 335 Boylston Street, a new sign for Newton Prosthodontics at 447 Centre Street, and two new wall signs for Nudo Gelateria at 308 Watertown Street. **Contact Derek Valentine at 617.796.1123, [dvalentine@newtonma.gov](mailto:dvalentine@newtonma.gov).**

- **Community Preservation Committee:** The Committee's next meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street, Newtonville. The agenda includes a **Public Hearing &** possible funding vote for updating Newton's **Recreation and Open Space Plan**, and program planning for FY12. The **Museum Archives supplemental proposal** is now expected to be on the CPC's June agenda. Current proposals are online under "Proposals & Projects" on [www.newtonma.gov/cpa](http://www.newtonma.gov/cpa) or **contact Alice Ingerson at 617.796.1144, [aingerson@newtonma.gov](mailto:aingerson@newtonma.gov).**
- **Homelessness Consortium:** The Brookline-Newton-Waltham-Watertown Homelessness Consortium is scheduled to meet **Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 p.m. in Room 222. The agenda includes Newton staffing transitions, guest speaker, Elaine Frawley from the MA Department of Housing and Community Development, a summary of the Point-in-Time Count of homeless people on January 26 and a discussion of ideas for meeting topics and speakers. **Contact Trisha Kenyon Guditz at 617-796-1156, [tguditz@newtonma.gov](mailto:tguditz@newtonma.gov).**
- **Austin Street Joint Advisory Planning Group:** The Austin Street JAPG will meet on **Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at the Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street in Newtonville. The agenda includes a continued discussion of a vision for the reuse of the Austin Street parking lot site focusing on business uses, open space, physical design, and infrastructure. Detailed agendas and meeting notes can be found on our webpage [www.newtonma.gov/austinst](http://www.newtonma.gov/austinst). **Contact Eve Tapper at 617.796.1141, [etapper@newtonma.gov](mailto:etapper@newtonma.gov).**
- **Chestnut Hill Historic District:** The Commission will hold its next meeting **Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202. Items on the agenda include: **Beacon Street from #262 to the intersection with Stone Avenue** request to install parking meters; **25 Lawrence Avenue** request to infill existing porch; **41 Old Orchard Road** request to build dormers on the front and rear and remove window; **68 Reservoir Avenue** request to install new gutters, downspouts, and copper roof; **47 Lawrence Road** request to build rear addition and replace windows. Administrative Discussion: Minutes. **Contact Brian Lever at 617.796.1129, [blever@newtonma.gov](mailto:blever@newtonma.gov).**
- **Save the Date! Needham Street Public Presentation Night:** The public is invited to offer their "big ideas" about what might happen on Needham Street on Public Presentation Night on **Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street, Newtonville. This community meeting will build off of the common themes that were developed at the Community Visioning Session on April 14<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend, listen, and ask questions! Are you interested in presenting? If so, check the website for more information and call Amanda Stout at 617-796-1127 to sign up for a time slot. For all information on previous and upcoming meetings, please visit:  
[www.newtonma.gov/needhamstreet](http://www.newtonma.gov/needhamstreet) or email [NeedhamStreet@newtonma.gov](mailto:NeedhamStreet@newtonma.gov).



The City of Newton Planning and Development Department invites you to:

## Envisioning Needham Street | public presentation night |

As the City moves forward with a master planning process for the Needham Street Corridor, this meeting will provide an opportunity for community members to present ideas on ways to implement a shared vision for the Needham Street corridor. All are welcome to attend, listen, ask questions, and present!

**Wednesday, June 1, 2011  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
Newton Senior Center  
345 Walnut Street, Newtonville**

**More information:**  
[www.newtonma.gov/needhamstreet](http://www.newtonma.gov/needhamstreet)  
Email: [NeedhamStreet@newtonma.gov](mailto:NeedhamStreet@newtonma.gov)

**Interested in presenting? If you would like to share your ideas in a brief presentation, check the website for more information and sign up for a time slot. Visual aids encouraged, but not required.**